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SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF SWEDISH AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALERS (SVERIGES BILINDUSTRI- OCH BILGROSSISTFORENING) AND THE SWEDISH CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION (GENERALTULLSTYRELSEN), THERE IS NO SWEDISH LAW, REGULATION OR PRACTICE REQUIRING THAT AUTOMOBILES IMPORTED INTO SWEDEN MUST HAVE A CERTAIN DOMESTIC CONTENT. FURTHER, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT AUTOMOBILES MADE IN SWEDEN EITHER BY SWEDISH-OWNED OR FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES HAVE A CERTAIN DOMESTIC CONTENT. (THERE IS NO FOREIGN MANUFACTURER OF AUTOMOBILES IN SWEDEN AT PRESENT TIME.) NO SUCH LAWS, REGULATIONS OR PRACTICES ARE PLANNED.

2. UNDER CURRENT EC/EFTA ORIGIN RULES, HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF THIRD-COUNTRY MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURE OR ASSEMBLY OF AUTOMOBILES IN SWEDEN MAY NOT EXCEED 40 PERCENT OF VALUE

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OF FINISHED PRODUCT IF THAT PRODUCT IS TO BE ENTITLED TO

DUTY-FREE ENTRY INTO OTHER EC/EFTA TRADE AREA COUNTRIES.
THE 40-PERCENT RULE, OF COURSE, ALSO APPLIES TO AUTOMOBILES
IMPORTED INTO SWEDEN FROM THOSE COUNTRIES.
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